



RESOLUTION

OPPOSING THE CHANGE OF PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMMING CHANNEL NUMBERS BY SPECTRUM.

WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Media ("Olelo") is the public, educational, and governmental ("PEG") access provider in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") pursuant to an agreement with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, 'Olelo, which has four cable channels and two video on demand channels ("PEG programming channels"), achieves its mission of strengthening island voices and advancing community engagement through the airing of non-commercial programming with unique and local stories from hundreds of dedicated community producers; and

WHEREAS, the City has been producing live and tape-delayed cable programming covering City activities, events, meetings, and issues ("City Programming") for 'Olelo for many years; and

WHEREAS, televising City programming, such as gavel-to-gavel broadcasts of the City Council ("Council") meetings, which often involve the most controversial and important issues facing the community, is an effective means of ensuring free and open public access to information about our government; and

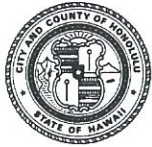
WHEREAS, Charter Communications, Inc., purchased Time Warner Cable, the parent company of Hawaii's Oceanic Time Warner Cable, in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, Oceanic Time Warner Cable was officially renamed Spectrum in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, starting on February 6, 2018, Spectrum plans to change PEG programming channel numbers to high-numbered channels that are far from the main traffic line-up; and

WHEREAS, this channel change will cause confusion for viewers and force community producers to rebrand their PEG programs to the new channel numbers, which is a lengthy and costly process; and

WHEREAS, viewers who do not acquire a special box to connect to their televisions will no longer have access to the PEG programming channels; and



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WHEREAS, the Council believes that changing long-standing PEG programming channel numbers would weaken media diversity, make government less accessible to the general public, and reduce community engagement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby expresses its strong opposition to the change of public, educational and governmental programming channel numbers by Spectrum; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Laurence Schott, Senior Director, Government Affairs, West Region, Charter Communications, 10450 Pacific Center Ct., San Diego, CA 92121.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ron Menor

David Fukushima

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB - 5 2018

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 02/05/18 By: RON MENOR

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

02/13/18	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-67 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
02/28/18	COUNCIL	CR-67 AND RESOLUTION 18-32 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN J. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER